to the Ministry. The draft report has been shared by the Ministry with all the States. The State have given their responses to the observations made by CAG in the draft report. The State's responses are being examined in the Ministry. These would be sent to CAG for their consideration. CAG report on the performance audit of NREGA would be finalised after taking into consideration the responses of the States to the observations made by CAG. Since the report submitted by CAG on audit of NREGA is only a draft report, it is not possible for the Ministry to give any comments at this stage.

**Increase in number of days for work under NREG Scheme**

184. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of districts in the country where the National Rural Employment Guarantee scheme has been made applicable, till date;

(b) the total amount sanctioned/spent since the implementation of this scheme and number of people who got employment (State-wise) till date;

(c) whether it is a fact that unemployment in rural areas in the country could not be controlled with it; and

(d) if so, whether Government would consider for increasing the number of days for work under the above mentioned scheme so as to make it more beneficial/subsistence for a rural family?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) At present, NREGA is applicable in 330 districts in 26 States of the country.

(b) State-wise details of the funds released by the Centre, their utilisation and the number of households who have been provided employment during the year 2006-07 and in the current financial year (up to January, 2008) is at the Statement. *(See* below*)*

(c) The aim of National Rural Employment Guarantee Act is to provide for the enhancement of livelihood security of the rural households by providing atleast 100 days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. NREGA is demand based. Under the Act, employment is provided to a wage seeker for the number of days of employment demanded subject to an over all ceiling of 100 days per household in a financial year. Members of the household may avail other available employment opportunities in addition to the 100 days of guaranteed employment per household provided under the Act on demand.

(d) There is no proposal at present under consideration of the Government for increasing the number of days of work under NREGA.

***Statement***

*State-wise details of the funds released by the centre, their utilisation and the number of households provided employment from 2006-07 to January, 2008*

| Sl. No. | States | 2006-2007 | | | 2007-08(Up to January 2008) | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Funds released by centre during 2006-07 (in lakh Rs.) | No. of households provided employment | Funds Utilised (in Lakh Rs.) | Funds released by centre till 25.02.08 (In lakh Rs.) | No. of households provided employment | Funds Utilised (in lakh Rs.) |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 1. | Andhra Pradesh | 102541.43 | 2161395 | 68020.32 | 135874.40 | 3817979 | 133631.17 |
| 2. | Arunachal Pradesh | 1450.85 | 16926 | 221.34 | 705.38 | 1652 | 102.69 |
| 3. | Assam | 26550.85 | 792270 | 59252.93 | 51317.01 | 925184 | 34223.44 |
| 4. | Bihar | 54831.38 | 1688899 | 71276.16 | 44412.72 | 2617048 | 68374.70 |
| 5. | Gujarat | 7433.94 | 226269 | 8585 03 | 3973.71 | 213718 | 6267.94 |
| 6. | Haryana | 3589.39 | 50765 | 3594.67 | 3508.97 | 52986 | 3517.05 |
| 7. | Himachal Pradesh | 4667.64 | 63514 | 3940.12 | 9778.06 | 209778 | 8666.20 |
| 8. | Jammu and Kashmir | 4136.37 | 121328 | 3454.44 | 6038.37 | 96972 | 3506.95 |
| 9. | Karnataka | 24850 69 | 545185 | 24829.67 | 24283.52 | 372174 | 19608.03 |
| 10. | Kerala | 3739.51 | 99107 | 2789.73 | 5210.55 | 133951 | 5337.74 |
| 11. | Madhya Pradesh | 190944s 20 | 2866349 | 186268.63 | 247780.82 | 3863673 | 208894.50 |
| 12. | Maharashtra | 21815.64 | 353024 | 17461.18 | 2008.71 | 248178 | 11454.15 |
| 13. | Manipur | 1692 89 | 18568 | 2025.05 | 4294.13 | 64458 | 2078.48 |
| 14. | Meghalaya | 3224.68 | 96627 | 2111.85 | 4598.73 | 76331 | 3682.36 |
| 15. | Mizoram | 2023.90 | 50998 | 1643.11 | 2723.49 | 84954 | 2995.04 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 16. | Nagaland | 910.11 | 27884 | 1457.62 | 3639.59 | 63920 | 1491.11 |
| 17. | Orissa | 78380.49 | 1394169 | 73346.62 | 49155 69 | 818507 | 37070.12 |
| 18. | Punjab | 3445.75 | 31648 | 2500.21 | 2030 32 | 36493 | 1815.73 |
| 19. | Rajasthan | 78041.00 | 1175172 | 69306 14 | 95925.20 | 2027401 | 102723.54 |
| 20. | Sikkim | 691.50 | 4107 | 261.89 | 364.75 | 11695 | 760.10 |
| 21. | Tamil Nadu | 18409.21 | 683481 | 15163.63 | 50429 09 | 906136 | 44628.21 |
| 22. | Tripura | 2754.66 | 74335 | 4507.68 | 16451.45 | 417816 | 14380.84 |
| 23. | Uttar Pradesh | 56914.69 | 2573245 | 77967.46 | 136115.89 | 3790872 | 126397.49 |
| 24. | West Bengal | 38868.84 | 3083757 | 39462.63 | 83135.88 | 3873284 | 55931.35 |
| 25. | Chhattisgarh | 71850.74 | 1256737 | 66882.16 | 107226.60 | 1834149 | 94721.42 |
| 26. | Jharkhand | 55854.59 | 1394108 | 71155.13 | 55773.07 | 1318589 | 76838 92 |
| 27. | Uttaranchal | 4470.60 | 134312 | 4849.7 | 10027.65 | 148928 | 6028.58 |
| | TOTAL: | 864085.53 | 21016099 | 882335.55 | 1156783.79 | 28026826 | 1075127.83 |